21 Cornhill Boston Dec 5. 1.

Dear Mr. Webb –

I have recently had two little notes from you, wh. I will briefly note, in order. The first was dated March 11, and through the kind attentions of one Mr. Revel was rec^d by me, Nov. 13th (!) but to the contents of this I feel that I have already replied; in that note you mentioned receiving payment from "Mrs. Richard Hall, The Park, Nottingham" for the Standard, 1857. If she was a new subscriber, I hope you have her name to pay by some other conveyance – The other note bears date Nov^r. 13.

I am glad my information about *pear scions was satisfactory; but you must not give me credit for any particular knowledge of "pomology". I believe* I told you that all I imparted to you concerning the Bartlett, (or Williams's Bon Chretien,) I obtained from John Milton Earle of Worcester, & a book wh. he took down & showed me. – I suppose that no finer pears grow in the entire world than grow in the vicinity of Boston, and the varieties cultivated and the quantities grown surprise me. When I was a boy, Boston had a great many fine gardens* in it, which have now (every one of them I believe) been given over to Goths & Vandals & filled up with brick & stone in various sightly & unsightly shapes. Formerly we had no Irish here – nor probably a 1000 when I was 10 years old; now there are about 70,000, and Boston has suffered terribly under the invasion. I suppose you will hear this from me, Irishman though you be. God knows I wish we had any number of such Irishmen as you amongst us. But the "Corkonians" and "Tardown-ers" (as they call themselves), invaluable & indispensable as they are for all labour, are terrible to live among or near. They defile and desecrate every thing they touch; & hundreds of tidy neighborhoods & quiet spots now reek with vile sights & smells, where they swarm. Forgive me. I sometimes wax warm, when I think of the changes they inflict

* iv. and these gardens produced the most delicious pears & grapes

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There have already been received for the National Antislavery Bazaar, the following donations from Europe:

Three boxes from Edinburgh, containing contributions also from Perth, Dundee, Leigh, &c. &c.

One box from Nottingham.
One do from Leeds.
One do from Bristol, with contributions from Bridgwater, Southampton, Ilminster, Leamington, Two do. from Paris, France.

One do. from ~~Italy~~ Europe, ~~one~~ contributed by American friends resident ~~there~~ abroad.

One do from Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe.

One do from Liverpool and Bury.

~~Two~~ One do. from England, - source not yet known

And contributions from London, Dublin, Glasgow, Halifax, Manchester, &c. are understood to be on the way.

[I have made the above list, in case you may think of any use for the Advocate.]

James G. Birney has very recently died. I enclose a brief sketch of him, obtained from apparently good newspaper authority (the N.Y. Tribune mainly,) which may be of use for the Glasgow Biog. Dictionary. - I have never rec'd a word from any one in Glasgow about that business, and shall feel that I am not expected to proceed in the case, unless I do.

Christian G. Gilroy has been somewhat known to Garrison & Phil. They gave him letters to various persons in G. Britain. Garrison is much interested in his proposed work, illustrative of Slavery, which he went to England to print. I have never seen the man, and can say nothing about him. —

I shall enclose, if room for it, an able article from the Missouri Democrat, published at St. Louis (in a Slave State) admirably exposing the iniquities recently concocted against Kansas

You will see that the freight on the box, by "Niagara," is paid by me. I borrowed of the Am. Soc'ty's treasury the money to discharge the Liberator's dues, as contained in your account. I have not yet paid the Standard, and think I will now wait a little longer, as you speak of probably soon remitting the balance. You had better not draw your funds down to the last penny. You will have a variety of expenses connected with the Bell box, in Distributing its contents, etc. to meet, & should keep sufficient to cover them. — Still, let me re-urge the sending of these accounts as often as twice in the year, and I will leave you to choose the times.

As to the scraps I send you for the Advocate, they are sent simply for you to do what you like with. They may be useful, they may not; — you alone are to judge of that. — The Edinburgh Ladies Soc'y most kindly sent me a copy of Chambers', "Slavery & Caloun", for circulation. I am reading it with much pleasure. The copies previously forwarded to Standard & Liberator, I have reason to believe, never arrived. Certainly none ever came to Lib'r, Mr. G. says. You will be glad to hear that C K Whipple is to have, soon, in the Standard, an article on the book, and will follow it up by one in the Liberator. I don't think Dix & Edwards have taken the least pains to sell the book. I presume it is a case of the miserable flunkeyism of New York publishers, of which we have had so many, — too contemptible & mean to think of with patience, — but a fair sample of the manliness of most of our Northern Men!

The principal editor of the N. Y. Journal of Commerce is Gerard Hallock. He resides at New Haven, Connecticut, 80 miles this side of N. Y. — by R. R.s — but is in N. Y. most of his days, I believe. He is an eminent Presbyterian church-member, and the most intensely pro-slavery man to be found. He has co-adjutors of course, I don't know them. Rev. Hubbard Winslow was his Boston Correspondent for many years, & may still be so. He is the man whose rule in preaching was to to speak only that "which the brotherhood would allow and protect"! Was it he a dirty creature? even feeding on dirt. — The editor of the Ch. Observer is named Morse, with such a fellow as the Rev. Irenæus Prime

for his right hand man, formerly. Bret Gay can tell you all about Morse & the Observer. Their offices are in the same building, — indeed the Amer. A. S. Soc'y are the tenants, so far as occupancy of 2 rooms goes, of the Observer!

I understood Mrs. Chapman to say that she had written to you respecting the confused condition in which the Dublin box came to us from the Newyork Custom house. I never saw a box in such poor condition, as to the security & arrangement of the various parcels. One consequence was that some of McKim's articles, having been deprived of their wrappers, got mixed with the Bazaar goods, and were sold, — McKim, strange to say, having wholly omitted to let us know that he was expecting anything by your box, until the Bazaar was nearly ended. The perfumed silk, though very loosely tied up, was seen to have McKim's name on it, & was sent to him at once.

As to your affair with C. G. Gilroy, I know not what to say. I am grieved at heart at all the annoyance, trouble, suffering, insolence, you have had to endure at the man's hands. I never saw him, & scarce recollected to have heard his name until your note of Nov. 20. came. He was in Boston during the last summer, but I was then absent, & heard nothing about him. Garrison (to whom alone I have showed your letter) was much tried at hearing of all you had been subjected to. His letter, he said, was designed only to ask your advice & general help to the man in finding a suitable publisher. I intend that Phillips shall see your letter, but he is very little in Boston at this time of year. He is now away off in Iowa! some 1500 miles Westward, giving lectures which admonish and stir up the people. I have really not had time for 5 minutes' talk with Phillips for over 2 months. — As to your note, (Gilroy's) the only thing that I can do with it, as I see, is to send it to Gay or Johnson when the time of payment draws near, & get them to present it. It is a curious note of hand, — made payable, not by any person

in particular, (unless he means to be on the spot himself) but only at "48, East 19 Street, N.York". — Garrison believes Gilroy to be an honest and honourable man, but that he will be unable to repay you this money. We will see. I will do what I can.

You propose an arrangement with me about postage. I supposed we had settled that definitely. There is no one reason why you should pay postage on this correspondence of ours, which is so exclusively of a business and general anti-slavery character. Do not do so. Let it be attended to by me, and I, who have a particular course ~~with~~ about postage, will see that it is all right. I always charge to Society account postage on what I regard as work done for the Society.

But I must close immediately, leaving a great deal unsaid, or lose this Ship's mail,

And am, Very sincerely & respectfully
Yours Sam'l May Jr.

Discontinue ~~the~~ one Advocate, heretofore supplied by me to John Wilson Jr, of this city. — Have you struck off Lucy Stone's?

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